

## Section 508 Key Concepts

1.	Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a law that was enacted to remove barriers to ICT, to accessing information, make opportunities available for persons with disabilities, and encourage the development of technologies that help achieve these goals.
2.	People use ICT to obtain, retrieve, and communicate information electronically. This wide range of commonly used products must be accessible to persons with disabilities.
3.	Covered ICT examples include software, Websites and web applications, telecommunications products, electronic documents, audio and visual media, self-contained and stand-alone products, desktop and portable computers, and support documentation and services.
4.	ICT must meet the Section 508 accessibility standards and guidelines at 36 CFR 1194 to satisfy the requirement of being accessible to people with disabilities.
5.	Individuals with disabilities are persons who have sensory, physical, or cognitive impairments that limit their ability to perform one or more major life activities.
6.	Assistive technology is software or hardware that helps an individual with a disability use ICT.